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Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers

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The Honorable Benjamin Cardin
Senator
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
Senator
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Cardin and Mikulski,

The Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers (MAFSM) would like to urge swift confirmation of William Craig Fugate as the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We request that the Senate put FEMA leadership in place expediently. The hurricane season is fast approaching and tornado season is already upon us. And the nation is presently addressing the new deadly flu strain as well as response and recovery for multiple other disasters involving flooding, severe storms, tornadoes and wildfires.

MAFSM's members are the state's experts who work to reduce flood risk and the loss of life and property due to floods. We support hazard mitigation programs and maintaining the intent of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Given the importance of the FEMA mission, it is absolutely critical that FEMA is led by a professional emergency manager. We are pleased that an experienced and nationally recognized emergency manager has been selected. This move is a clear indication of the importance the Administration places on building a fully functional FEMA led by competent industry professionals. We look forward to working with Craig Fugate and FEMA to advance the safety and security of our citizens and communities and to help reduce the costs and suffering from natural disasters.

We encourage the Senate to confirm Mr. Craig Fugate as FEMA Administrator as swiftly as possible. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Roman
MAFSM Chair

Cc: The Honorable Harry Reid
The Honorable Mitch McConnell